

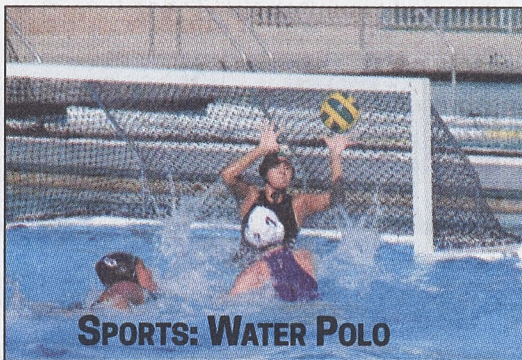
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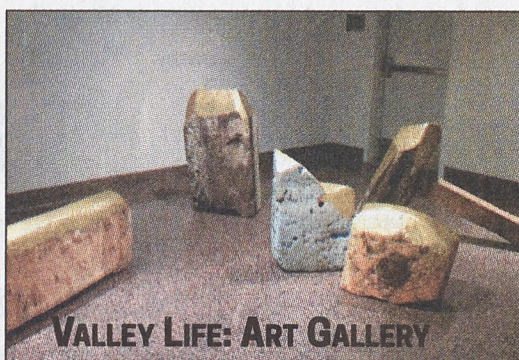
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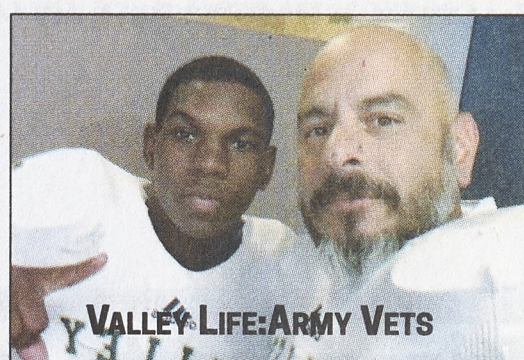
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Pro-am boxing ends in knockout

Valley alumni Emilio Rodriguez stole the show with a first-minute knockout in the last match of the night.



PHOTO BY/ SEBASTIAN MINO-BUCHELI

ON THE ROPES- Alejandro Gonzalez (left) faces off against Giovanni Noriega (right) in the first pro round of the evening.

HARRISON MCQUINN
SPORTS EDITOR

Emilio Rodriguez's one-minute knockout Sunday concluded K.O. High Boxing's fourth pro-am tournament.

The clear winner of the amateur bracket was Nico Ali Walsh, but the night's big win went to Rodriguez who knocked his opponent out in just over a minute during the third and final round of the professional boxers.

"We gonna see a whole

lot of fighting," said Flavor Flav in a prediction during the red carpet.

Flav was one of several celebrities who attended the event including Sam Watson and television star Dominique Columbus.

The red carpet also featured a particularly interesting character: Dangerman, the urban superhero who came to speak on behalf of an anti-bullying campaign.

"Talk to your kids every day," said Dangerman dressed head-to-toe in blue spandex carrying a

matching baseball bat.

Actor Obba Babatundé hosted the matchups along with K.O. High Boxing Founder Marvin Columbus.

The evening started off slow with four amateur fights.

The first fight pit Josh Torres against Kevin Vega. Torres ran Vega around the ring while landing crucial body blows. Torres won the matchup by decision.

Mendy Baron took on Victor Lopez in the second fight. Baron, sporting a

bright blue pair of shorts reading, "Kosher Killer" accompanied by a Star of David, sustained multiple hits from Lopez in the first round.

The matchup flipped during the second round when Baron hit Lopez with a powerful hook sending him the ground. Lopez got back on his to return a few jabs and won by decision, much to the crowd's dismay.

"They left in all in the ring," said Babatundé.

The third bout of the amateurs did not bring

much excitement, ending with another win by decision.

The final amateur rumble featured Walsh, grandson of the late Muhammad Ali. Walsh faced Niko and ended the match with a second round technical knockout.

The professional series were dominated by defense. The first fight between Alejandro Gonzales and Giovanni Noriega (0-1) ended in a third-round technical knockout of Gonzales.

Noriega, weighing in at 110 pounds, capitalized on a missed swing by Gonzales, 108.5 pounds, delivering a swift uppercut which sent Gonzales into the ropes.

Eridanni Leon (5-2) and Jesus Celis-Ochoa (1-1) battled into the fourth round. The boxers stood equally at 149 pounds and exchanged hits until Leon knocked out Ochoa with 6 consecutive jabs to the face.

The night reached a climactic face-off between Keoki Anaya (1-0) and Valley alumni Rodriguez who made his debut Sunday.

It took only over a minute after the bell was rung for Rodriguez to land a devastating combination on 165 pound Anaya, resulting in a standing ovation from the entire gym.

The applause echoed the campus of Valley, another ex-monarch onto great things.

Valley walks for AIDS

Monarch Pride members help raise awareness to Valley College.

BY JAIRO ALVARADO
STAFF WRITER

Los Angeles is the birthplace of the AIDS Walk, dating back to 1985. In its 32 years of existence, the event has raised over \$82 million for research and treatment of HIV and AIDS.

"Saving lives comes from awareness," said Eric Garcetti, Mayor of Los Angeles. "Get tested, get care, and we can save lives." Our very own Gay Straight Alliance Club at Valley College attended the event over the weekend, alongside eight of its members and Club President Moira McFadden, leading the group in the 10K walk across downtown from start to finish. McFadden said, "We did this to take pride in everyone, not just queers, but for everyone who is affected by AIDS."

This year the event moved from West Hollywood to Downtown L.A. to allow a larger crowd. The relocation opened it up to more people whether they were gay, straight or transgender.

This year's walk may have been the second or third time for some volunteers, but for a few first-timers, it was an opportunity to participate with some of their fellow club members that have done it before.

Sierra "Baby" Pond, member of Valley's GSA Club and a newcomer to the walk, commented, "It was a really good experience. It was so awesome to see a bunch of different people from different walks of life to come together to support a common cause." It may have been difficult to escape the stigma of being gay in the early 80's when the AIDS epidemic hit the nation, but the narrative has shifted as the world discovered the impact of AIDS on the straight community.

Mayor Garcetti closed out his opening speech saying, "Look at this sea of love. When they send a tweet, we hit the streets, and that's what we're gonna do to make sure we have a City of Love." Los Angeles will always be an essential chapter in AIDS history by starting the pivotal movement that has saved so many lives and brought attention to a devastating disease.

Valley and its GSA Club will continue to play its role in giving a voice to the community.

Congressman hosts Manufacturing Day

Hundreds of high school and college students gathered at Valley's Monarch Hall to launch a possible career in the manufacturing field.

BY JAMIE GARCIA AND LON DOMINGUEZ
STAFF WRITERS

Around 200 residents, college and high school students flooded Monarch Hall Tuesday to find out about manufacturing opportunities and learn about possible careers. Congressman Tony Cardenas hosted the event. He conducted a question and answer session with the manufacturers before the event started.

"As manufacturing you need to inspire young people to take on position in your businesses so they can better their futures," Cardenas said. "The beautiful thing about this country, is that you get to do what you want to do. You have to work at it first, but you can do it."

Van Nuys, Birmingham and Westlake high schools brought dozens of students who were interested in the manufacturing field. The business displayed their products from refrigerators to 3D printers. Hawker Pacific

Aerospace, Spectrolab and Learn Solutions were a few of the businesses that attended.

"We need manual machinists since nearly 80 percent of ours are close to retirement," said Nora Farusto, human resource manager for Hawker Pacific Aerospace

"As manufacturing you need to inspire young people to take on position in your businesses so they can better their futures,"

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in Sun Valley. "There is a struggle to recruit for this position due to it not being very popular."

"We want someone with great skill sets, but an innovative mind is also very necessary," said Jim Ermer, a representative of Spectrolab, a subdivision of Boeing that makes solar panels in Sylmar. "Otherwise, we might as



PHOTO BY / SEBASTIAN MINO-BUCHELI

APPRECIATION- Congressman Tony Cardenas presents an award of recognition to Jim Ermer.

well get a robot to do the job."

The attendees were given opportunities to go around Monarch Hall and ask the questions. Although some students were required to attend the event for extra credit, many took advantage of

this opportunity.

They networked with the various companies and wrote down contact information for potential apprenticeship opportunities.

"I want to take advantage of the opportunities that are here; it's a good

place to see how big the manufacturing industry is," said Nestor Reyes, a Van Nuys High School student at the event. "With this event, I have found a lot of guidance that will help me decide whether I want to be in this industry."

OPINION

It's time to honestly discuss sexual assault, Hollywood

Hollywood's increasing portrayal of sex in films makes way for the important discussion of sexual abuse in the industry.

OPINION BY
HARRISON MCQUINN
SPORTS EDITOR

Sex has historically trumped drugs and violence as the pop culture taboo of America, but the nation continues to blur these lines perhaps for the best.

It's no question that video games and music have been frontrunners for the portrayal of sex in mainstream media with household names like Grand Theft Auto and essentially every rapper in the Billboard Hot 100, but the big screens of cinema and television have slowly joined the game giving a new face to the real skeleton in America's closet: sexual abuse.

"[Fans] have fun try-



SCREEN CAP BY VIMEO

MOTHER OF DRAGONS- Actress Emilia Clarke from Game of Thrones, spends an entire season being sexually assaulted on-screen.

ing to recognize me without my hair... and I'm not always getting raped," sneered Game of Thrones actress Emilia Clarke, who portrays a fictional character that was in an abusive relationship at one point in the series.

The expression of sex and its sometimes graphic

nature, is finally escaping the vice of the FCC and an older generation too afraid to have the tough discussion, allowing artists and creators the freedom to convey the raw truth that is too often brushed under the rug.

In a futile attempt to cover the eyes of its chil-

dren, America is giving power to the multimedia boogeyman under the bed who claws at the sheets with porn and propaganda outside of the nation's control.

No amount of censorship will change the fact that one out of every six women in the United

States will be a victim of an attempted or completed rape in her lifetime according to the National Crime Victimization Survey. Like all other issues, the first step is recognition which we are now reaching.

Progress is incremental as is the case with

most social reform, but Hollywood's bully pulpit is now being used productively. Between all the political jabs Elite Hollywood takes such as a Sean Spicer Emmy appearance or Meryl Streep's Golden Globe rhetoric, films such as Andy Muschietti's "It" emerge, capturing with it the young generation and a depiction of sexual abuse.

This type of cinematic exposure is most imperative on our road to retribution. Even the rather sophomoric films such as Kingsman: The Secret Service, which included a gag at the end showing the protagonist sodomizing the damsel in distress in celebration of her rescue, play their role in opening up prude America to the discussion of sex.

As sex becomes a less trivial word, the nation can spend more time examining sexual abuse and how to eradicate the gross injustice.

Trump believes global warming is a conspiracy

The president's rejection of science in favor of dubious conspiracy theories about climate change are a danger to the health of all Americans.

OPINION BY
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STAFF WRITER

President Donald Trump needs to stop putting politics before science and realize that global warming is a real life-threatening problem.

The President believes that climate change is a conspiracy theory created by the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive but scientists say it's a proven fact that unless we curb global-warming emissions, average U.S. temperatures could increase by up to 10 degrees Fahrenheit over the next century.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) first proposed the Clean Power Plan, an Obama administration policy aimed at combating anthropogenic climate change (global warming) in June 2014.

President Trump issued an executive order in March, instructing the EPA

to "review" the policy that intends to reduce carbon pollution from U.S. power plants. The Supreme Court states that the Trump administration is obligated to issue a new regulation to replace the Clean Power Plan.

However, the 43-page draft of the proposal to repeal the Clean Power Plan does not offer a replacement plan for regulating emissions of carbon dioxide.

Prior to former President Obama's Clean Power Plan, power plants were allowed to dump unlimited amounts of carbon pollution into the atmosphere, and according to the Union of Concerned Scientists, power plants account for nearly 40 percent of U.S. carbon dioxide emissions. This is more than every car, truck, and plane in the United States combined. No rules were in effect before Obama's Clean Power Plan that limited their emissions of carbon dioxide, the primary driver of global warming.

Unfortunately, President

Trump's hostility towards his predecessor's central climate rule has been relieved after Scott Pruitt, the administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, announced that he will fully repeal the Clean Power Plan.

Eighteen national health and medical organizations, including the American Lung Association; Allergy and Asthma Network; Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments; American Academy of Pediatrics; and the American College of Physicians, are disappointed with this repeal and released a statement together. "The health impacts of climate change demand immediate action. Failing to address this public health crisis will have lasting consequences." The organizations said in a group statement. "The longer our nation's leaders postpone action to clean up carbon pollution and other greenhouse gases, the more severe the health costs will be."

"THE CONCEPT OF GLOBAL WARMING WAS INVENTED BY AND FOR THE CHINESE IN ORDER TO MAKE U.S. MANUFACTURING NONCOMPETITIVE." 11/06/2012

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DONALD TRUMP'S
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VALLEY VIEW

How do you think the media should address sexual assault in the United States?

By Jamie Garcia with photos by Sebastian Mino- Bucheli



"Sexual assault happens to men and women and it's a topic the media shouldn't be shy to talk about. It's happening every day and the media shouldn't try to cover it up." -

Leydy Velasquez



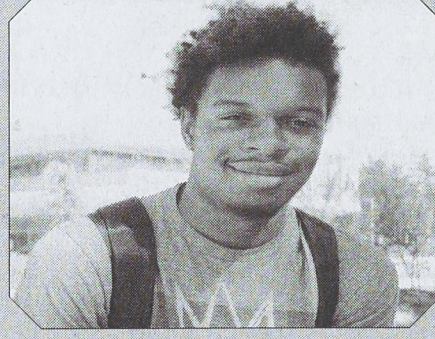
"They should support it with accurate data, facts and statistics from reputable research organizations. They should use first-hand experiences because it's important."

Katie Lookholder- Sociology



"They should talk about it more and not keep sexual things so quiet. From my past experiences it's important to have a voice."

Alyssa Rose-Student



They should be honest and upfront about it. They should inform people about what sexual assault really is."

Kristian Kelly-Student

VALLEY LIFE

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Valley, Rough Patches and Glitters exhibit

Artist collaborations brings newest exhibit to Valley College.

By JAMIE GARCIA
STAFF WRITER

Seeing is believing and the new art exhibit in the Art Building offers various sculptures, drawings, and paintings mixed with new and old art styles.

Jeffrey Mitchell, a local artist, is showcasing his own twist on sculptures, illustrations, and glazed ceramics. Garry Nolan is presenting passionate paintings and sculptures. Both artists embrace the process of creating pieces that emit authenticity.

"I am a huge fan of both artists and it was nice of them to collaborate to bring us this beautiful exhibit," said Christopher Gomez who is a current student at Valley College.

The whole concept of the exhibit is old vs. new and playfulness. The old and the new refer to Nolan's work in which he uses old materials to make something new.

Playfulness applies to

Mitchell's style in which he plays around with the clay before he makes the ceramic animals, vases, and pots.

Mitchell's method is glazing off the sculptures, and is especially prominent in his pots and vases.

The art of glazing adds a polished finish to his already eye-catching pieces. He is also able to mold any basic, natural element like dirt.

"Perhaps we came to it through playing as children, making mud pies. Maybe it was making pinch pots in elementary school," said Mitchell in regards to clay being the main component that he uses in his art.

"Regardless, I feel that clay is a material that is universally relatable at a very basic level."

Nolan's pieces are a combination of new and old materials that one would not conventionally see together. His work features sculptures and paintings created with



PHOTO BY/ SEBASTIAN MINO-BUCHELI

CONTEMPORARY- Gary Nolan's "Bench and failed monuments," a defining piece of the show.

detritus such as old newspapers, cardboard, and plastic bottles.

Nolan said, "All the materials that I use in my artwork, I like to raise their identity."

The University of Missouri-Kansas City alumni finds the waste from alleys, side-streets, and urban dumps.

Some of the materials that were used in the

exhibit pieces are gold duct tape, cardboard, paper, and foam.

Rough Patches and Glitters will run from Oct 28 through Nov 30. The exhibit is located in the

Art Building and is open to the public for free.

The art can be seen on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 11 to 2 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Vets bring Army green to Monarch football

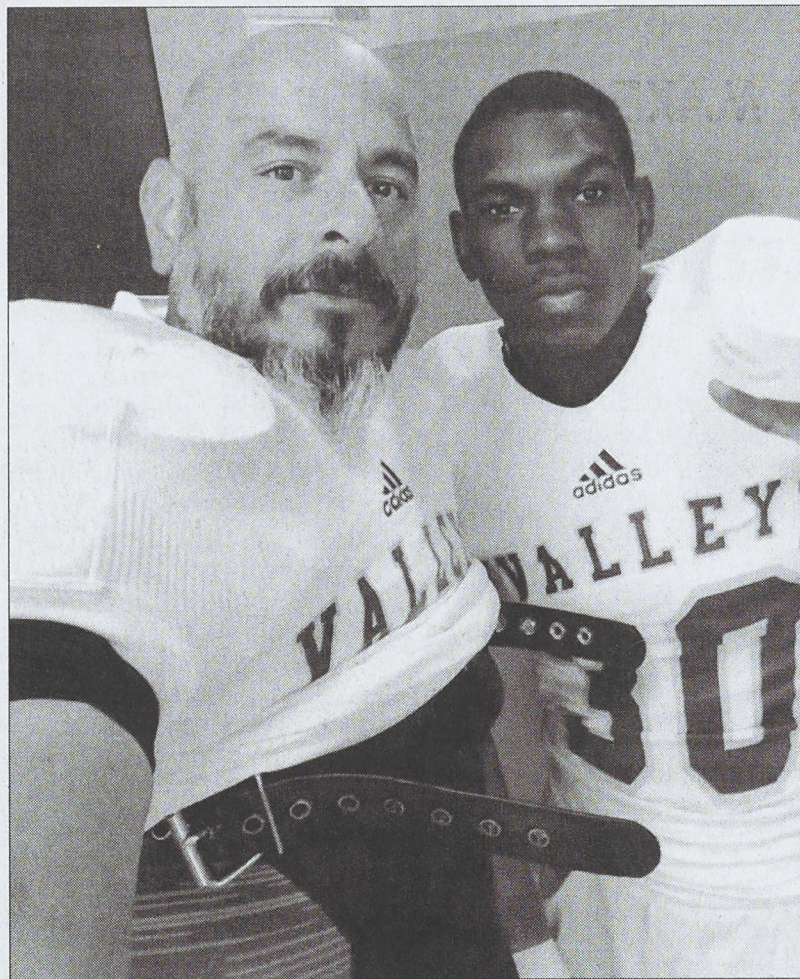


PHOTO COURTESY VALLEY FOOTBALL

Valley currently has two student-veterans battling it out on the gridiron in Monarch gear.

By JAIRO ALVARADO
STAFF WRITER

Retired Army First Sgt. Jesus "Jessy" Medina, and Army Corporal DeAndre Dorsey have picked up some new gear this season and it is for a different kind of battlefield.

Valley College has always been a stepping-stone for veterans and servicemen, two of which are currently playing on the defensive end for the Monarchs (4-2) on the gridiron.

"The same core values I used in the Army, I am using them on the football team," said Medina who served in the U.S. Army for 22 years before deciding to hit the books at Valley.

At 5'10", 220 pounds,

the defensive linemen served as an Infantryman with multiple deployments in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait and Korea.

The 47 year old continues to grind it out on the

"The same core values I used in the Army, I am using them on the football team," said Jesus Medina

field despite many saying he is too old to play college football. For Medina, it is just another chance to be apart of something.

"These guys here on the field to my left and right are my war buddies," Medina said.

The retired military man was looking for the camaraderie, discipline and physical training he experienced while serving in the military, and he discovered that a football team meets those qualifications.

He plans on attending Cal State Northridge as a kinesiology major to coach football at the high school level.

In the backfield, Dorsey enlisted to the Army's reserves back home in St. Louis as a Chemical Warfare specialist, but has not yet been deployed. Dorsey and his friend were recruited while playing football in Missouri.

"Everything I do here is exactly how we do it in the Army, attention to detail," said the 21 year

old.

Dorsey, having played quarterback in high school, came to Valley as an established athlete. He tried wide receiver, slot receiver, running back and even kick returner. Coach Matthew White made Dorsey a defensive back.

Dorsey said, "Being a student-veteran at Valley is great. Its Veteran Resource Center offers a lot of help. The Veterans Club and, of course, the athletic department can all assist me in accomplishing my goals."

Those goals are to transfer to a Division I football program with a scholarship to pursue his education and football dreams.

AMC Theatres offering Tuesday deals until end of October

Stub Insiders get special discounts from AMC Theatres.

By SAVANNAH SIMMONS
STAFF WRITER

If you enjoy movies without breaking the bank, then AMC Theatres is your new Tuesday hangout.

Movie theater prices have reached an all-time high, costing you an average \$11 on any given day, and that doesn't count the popcorn.

"Always make the audience suffer as much as possible," said the late Alfred Hitchcock, who had no way of anticipating AMC's Tuesday deals.

For the month of October, AMC Theatres will be hosting \$5 Ticket Tuesday' for

members of their Stubs Insiders program at the

box office.

Becoming a Stubs Insider is free and will get you exclusive offers, rewards, and coupons for amenities like popcorn.

With flicks like Blade Runner 2049, It (2017), and Jigsaw, the latest in the Saw series coming to theaters on Oct 27, there is no better time to hit the red-recliner seats of AMC.

October has also introduced more comedic titles such as Boo 2! A Madea Halloween for those seeking a different kind of screaming.

Another advantage of the deal is the \$5 Cameo Combo. The combo will get you one 21-ounce fountain drink and a cameo-sized popcorn for \$5. All you have to do is go to amctheatres.com, print

the coupon, and show it to the cashier.

AMC has historically provided better deals than its competitors like Pacific Theatres who only offers a \$3 discount on movies before noon.

If you are looking for more rewards at the theater, Stubs Premiere is an upgrade for \$15 a year that allows members to earn points five times faster than Insiders as well as better offers on concession items.

There are few more Tuesdays left in the month of October, so sign up soon for the program, grab some friends and head down to the local AMC for a fun, affordable outing.



MOVIES-Movie-goers taking in the latest films at AMC Theatres.

PHOTO BY /DOSLDYHAI

Rivalry: Valley rings bell for third-straight year



BELL STAYS- Jeremiah Lorick proudly tows the Victory Bell across the field after a close win for the Monarchs.

By **HARRISON MCQUINN**
SPORTS EDITOR

The Victory Bell echoed the walls of Monarch Stadium Saturday after Valley eked out a 7-6 win against Pierce College thanks to a field goal block in the fourth quarter.

The Brahmas (2-4) were unable to catch the Monarchs (4-2) after a failed two-point conversion at the top of the fourth quarter. As they reached the end of final half, Pierce battled their way into field goal position, but Valley's defensive

line saved the day with a block holding their rivals down by a single point.

"It feels amazing to continue tradition. My cousin got [the bell] back for Valley two years ago against Pierce," said wide receiver Jeremiah Lorick.

For the Monarchs, it was more than securing the bell for a third consecutive year; it was breaking a two-game losing streak.

"We are officially 1-0. Today marks a new streak," said Head Coach Matthew White to his players in a post-win huddle.

Valley's offense struggled Saturday, giving up an interception in the first two minutes. The defense, which is No. 2 in the state for yards allowed per game, won back possession in a second interception the following play.

These first few minutes set the tone in a matchup dominated by defense. Pierce, who surrenders an average 32 points per game, managed to hold off the Monarchs until the third quarter when running back Gerry Gandy completed an 11 yard run for the first touchdown of the game.

"You gotta be kidding me! That is a penalty? That is a penalty?" Coach White shouted at the ref during a third-quarter drive. White, the youngest head coach in college football, later commented on the calls saying "they do a great job and made some tough calls."

Both teams played an aggressive game which resulted in a possible MCL sprain for Valley lineman Gustavo Herrera and a knockout of Brahmas quarterback Jhakari Harrison, but the Monarchs earned the bell for a third year, keeping it in a green and yellow tint.

Valley Water Polo outlast Citrus

As time expired Monarchs' water polo team held off the Owls long enough for a victory.



SMART DEFENSE-Monarchs steal of the ball during the final quarter saving their one point lead and winning the game.

By **VICENTE VITELA**
STAFF WRITER

The Monarchs water polo team extended its winning streak to 10 games after outlasting Citrus College 9-8 at home.

The win gave Valley a 13-5 record, but the one-point triumph did not sit well with Head Coach Jim McMillan.

"We're lucky to get a win," McMillan said.

"They really took it to us."

The Monarchs showed up for a water polo game, but ended up competing in a chess match as both schools traded goals back and forth with the Monarchs leading at the half 6-5.

In the first half, just when it seemed like the Monarchs would pull away, scoring back-to-back goals, the Owls answered with two consecutive goals of their own.

"I was not happy with the effort," McMillan said.

The leading scorer for Valley at the half was Vasil Halchev with three goals.

As the second half began, Valley scored a goal within the first two minutes, but similar to the first half, Citrus answered just a minute later.

Locked in an 8-8 tie with four minutes left in the contest, Louis Brunner scored the go-ahead shot for the Monarchs.

Sitting on a one point lead, the Monarchs turned

up the defense, preventing any shot attempt by the Owls.

When the final buzzer sounded, Valley escaped with a single-point win over Citrus College.

"We still got a lot of work to do," McMillan said.

The Monarchs have two remaining home games before heading to Huntington Beach to compete in the Golden West Tournament on Oct. 20-21.

MCQUINN'S PRESSBOX

Los Angeles is done waiting

Southern California has not seen a championship in years but is now closer than ever with a World Series.



HARRISON MCQUINN
SPORTS EDITOR

Turning off the 110 onto Olympic Blvd. to catch some purple and gold once brought great pride to a city full of titles, but the basketball dynasty has since been plagued with an era of rebuilding. That same turn off the I-5 onto Stadium Way has brought similar frustration with a Dodger team that has made a playoff appearance every year since 2013 but has no World Series to show for it.

Los Angeles is in a championship drought of its own with the last titles for the Kings, Lakers, and Dodgers being in 2014, 2010, and 1988 respectively. The Lakers have made incremental progress with rookies Brandon Ingram, Lonzo Ball, and Kyle Kuzma but do not appear to be a playoff team yet. The fate of L.A.'s long-deserved bragging rights is the hands of the boys in Blue.

In their fifth consecutive playoff appearance, the Dodgers look more confident than ever as a favorite to win the World Series this year. This year. "This year" has become the battle cry for Los Angeles and it is time to turn words

into a championship. Dodgers finished the regular season with the best record, 104-58. The blue continued their success into the NLDS, sweeping the Diamondbacks. The gloves of L.A. are now facing the reigning champions in the NLCS. Despite the Cubs' impressive +127 run differential in the regular season and their ability to go up 2-0 by the fourth inning of game one, the Dodgers and their over 40 comeback-win record took game one in a 2-5 rally. Being able to battle back after your ace allows two runs on four hits in five innings speaks volumes of the Dodgers' resilience. Even Kershaw's career 4.63 ERA in the postseason can't kill the team's confidence. The Dodgers followed the same rhythm in the second game of the NLCS falling behind one run, only to be saved by Justin Turner's three-run homer at the bottom of the ninth. After a 6-1 beat down at Wrigley on Tuesday, the Dodgers are now only one win away from the World Series. Prepare the brooms for Game 4 of the NLCS, as the Dodgers look to go undefeated into the World Series. Justin Turner said in a post-game interview, "I thought about doing the fist pump around the bases, but we'll wait until we get to the World Series for that, hopefully." Hope will not be enough this year for Los Angeles, which is only five wins away from their next title.

THE END ZONE

Oct. 15 - Defensive back Craig Jones saved Valley by intercepting a pass regaining possession after Valley threw a pick in the previous play.

Oct. 15 - Justin Turner smashed a ninth inning homer to defeat the Cubs giving the Dodgers a 2-0 lead in the NLCS.

Oct. 15 - Antonio Brown recovered a tipped ball for a 51-yard touchdown run defeating the 5-0 Kansas City Chiefs.

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